

## SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2003

TOPIC	JANUARY 1, 2003 AND THEREAFTER
<b>VALIDITY PERIOD OF CERTIFICATES</b>	Standard Professional Certificate I, Standard Professional Certificate II, and Advanced Professional Certificate: valid for 5 years
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Standard Professional Certificate II requires a minimum of 3 years of satisfactory, school-related experience  Advanced Professional Certificate requires verification of 3 years of satisfactory, school-related experience
<b>EXEMPTION FROM READING REQUIREMENTS</b>	Exempts teacher from submitting the required semester hours in reading course work if the teacher presents evidence of a qualifying score as established by the State Superintendent of Schools on the test approved by the State Board of Education.
<b>PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE</b>	Issued to an individual who meets all requirements and is not currently employed as a professional in a local school system
<b>PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE</b>	Change name to <i>Conditional Certificate</i>  Valid for 2 years; may be renewed for a second 2 years only if Praxis I testing requirements have been met and individuals has completed at least 12 semester hours of course work
<b>TESTING REQUIREMENTS</b>	Present evidence of qualifying scores as established by the State Superintendent of Schools on the teacher certification tests approved by the State Board of Education; or submit a current, professional out-of-state teaching certificate and verification that a qualifying score on a valid State certificate test was submitted to receive the certificate; or submit a professional teaching certificate and verification of 2 years of satisfactory full-time teaching experience in the certification area at the appropriate level.
<b>REINSTATEMENT</b>	The Professional Eligibility Certificate shall be reinstated by an applicant not currently employed as a professional in a Maryland school upon the applicant presenting 6 semester hours of acceptable credit...  The Standard Professional Certificate I, Standard Professional Certificate II, and the Advanced Professional Certificates shall be reinstated if the applicant presents 6 semester hours of acceptable credit...  An historic Maryland Professional Certificate may not be reinstated.

<b>ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE</b>	<p>No change</p> <p>Obtained National Board Certification and earned a minimum of 12 semester hours of approved graduate course work after the conferral of the bachelor's or higher degree and related to a teacher's specific discipline or to a specialist's specific assignment</p>
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